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1. EMBOFF MET SOCIALLY WITH NUMBER OF DELEGATES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF SUBJECT MEETING APRIL 6. DELEGATES APPEARED IN GOOD HUMOR AND COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH U.S. HAD TAKEN SOMETHING OF A "BASHING" DURING THE MEETINGS, THEY BELIEVE PRESS COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL) IS A DOCUMENT U.S. CAN LIVE WITH AND THAT IT WILL PROVIDE A "BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION" AT APRIL 11 LONDON MEETING.

2. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR THE U.S. TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS GSA DISPOSAL PROGRAMS IN CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE TERMS AT APRIL MEETING. BELGIAN ADVISER TO ZAIRE DELEGATION COMMENTED THAT USG SHOULD NOT ONLY BE PREPARED TOTALK TO PRODUCERS BILATERALLY AND TO ITC,
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BUT THAT IT SHOULD ALSO TALK TO THE PRODUCERS AS A GROUP.

3. SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING CIPEC MEMBERS ZAIRE AND INDONESIA, COMMENTED THAT LINKING COPPER PURCHASE TO TIN DISPOSAL VERY UNFORTUNATE. THEY SAW NO REASON WHY COPPER PURCHASES HAD TO FOLLOW CERTAIN LEVEL OF TIN DISPOSAL.

4. NO ONE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF PRICE BAND ISSUE, AND PRESS COMMUNIQUE SAYS "THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE ADOPTION OF THEIR PROPOSAL AT THE FORTHCOMING APRIL SESSION OF THE ITC." IN SEPARATE PRIVATE MEETINGS TWO OF THE DELEGATES (RICKETTS OF AUSTRALIA AND SIRMAN OF INDONESIA) DID HINT THAT IF THE U.S. IS FORTHCOMING WITH REGARD TO DISPOSAL REGIME PRODUCERS MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO DEFER PRICE ISSUE TO JULY.
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